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REPORT

SCHOOL APPARATUS,

Delivered before The Oxford Teacher's Association,

Jan. 5th, 1849.

The Committee to whom was entrusted the

subject of School Apparatus, has had the same

under consideration, and hereby submits to the

Association for its action, the following Report:

Your committee finds that there is a great,

almost a universal, lack of Apparatus in our

Primary Schools. In some few schools there is a

little, of no great importance, however, and sel-

dom used; but, generally, in filling out the

School Register, the teacher may, with propri-

ety, return under the head of Apparatus, "my-

self and black-board," since these two articles

seem all that are considered necessary in ex-

plaining to pupils truths, that are presented

about as clearly as so many Virginia abstractions,

and that, being abstractedly received, are dis-

tractedly remembered.

There is an absolute need of suitable Appa-

ratu in every District School. Teachers must

have helps in teaching, and scholars must have

helps to study. Mind is to be awakened. The

young attention is to be aroused, and kept ex-

cited—to be continued in life, till it has strength

to go alone, and take care of itself. The teacher

may do this orally, without the aid of dia-

grams or visible illustrations, but his would be

much like the labor of Sisyphus, condemned, as

poets fable, to forever roll a vast rock up a hill

—a "never ending, still beginning toil; for, as

soon as it reached the summit, it rolled back again

down to the plain."

The growing intellect must be ever employed

in school, during the proper hours assigned for

study. It must be occupied with ideas, clear as

the bubbling spring, or as the sparkling rill—

These must be presented with illustrations that

are evident to the senses, those inlets of the

mind, of the soul, and that teacher ere great-

ly, who instructs his scholars without their un-

derstanding him, fully, definitely, minutely—

The beginnings of knowledge are from without

—a fact that the educator needs to remember

always. Nature is an excellent book for the

young to read—and a faithful teacher too—

She leads her pupils onward, step by step, slow-

ly but surely. She develops mind, thought and

feeling, through the medium of the senses—

She deals in practical illustrations. Her Appa-

ratu is as extensive as useful. It is spread

around on every side—in the heavens—in the

earth—by land or by sea. After her should the

faithful teacher pattern, if he would excel in his

profession, and though he may not imitate her

closely, yet must he as nearly as he can.

Apparatus, and by this may be understood

anything used to illustrate or explain what can-

not be readily understood merely from books, is

can make learning so attractive, that his schol-

ars will take to it without any other than "moral

suasion."

Young minds first become acquainted with

form or figure in its many relations, and with

these it can be kept longest interested. They

wish to learn things and the uses of things, rather

than merely words. Words they should learn,

but only as expressive of, and in connection with

things.

Your committee believes that Apparatus is

much needed in teaching Spelling and Defining.

There are many words spelled with possible ac-

curacy only after a tiresome repetition, fatiguing

alike to teacher and pupil, that might be learned

and understood in a short time, if their spelling

were accompanied with an illustration addressed

to one or more of the senses. Pyramid is a

hard word, a very puzzler for the tyro to spell,

and much harder for him to remember after it is

spelled, unless he has shown to him the figure

which this word represents. When that is seen,

he attaches a precise, and, as it were, a tangible

idea, which will hardly be forgotten. Many

words might be mentioned, such as *hypotenuse*,

ellipse, *parallelogram*, *parallelopipedon*, &c.,

exceedingly difficult for scholars to learn to

spell, as spelling is usually taught, but that can

be learned with comparative ease, if the things

for which they stand are exhibited to the eye.

And then, how much this way of teaching or-

thography will relieve the instructor from an

incalculable amount of mental drudgery—how

much it lightens his burden—how much it as-

sists the pupil in forming clear ideas and vivid

conceptions.

I have spoken of manufactured Apparatus.

This is exceedingly useful, but no more so than

what exists already formed. An apt teacher

will make nature contribute to his stock of Appa-

ratu. He will make use of—will find occasion

to introduce before his school, a *pebble*, a

leaf, a *twig*, a *plant*, an *apple*, or an *ear of corn*,

and by means of these articles will convey to

the minds of his scholars many practical ideas.

Your committee, in consideration of the im-

portance of School Apparatus, as an essential

aid to teachers in imparting information, recom-

mends that every teacher in this County provide

himself with suitable Apparatus for explaining

the Common Branches of education. This will

be to him what tools are to the mechanic, which

custom not only requires the mechanic to have,

but to know how to use.

The teacher should be distinguished by the

implements of his profession, which are requisite

to render him a practical worker, a real bene-

factor, a utilitarian of the highest order. When

he furnishes himself with these he will be much

more efficient, which an appreciating public

must perceive, and will not fail to abundantly

reward.

E. P. HINDS, Committee.

Oxford Teachers' Association.

Association met at Buckfield Village, Friday,

Jan. 5, at 2 P. M., in the School House.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read

by the Secretary. After which the following Reso-

lution was presented by Mr. T. Chase, which,

after an interesting discussion in which several

members participated, was adopted.

Resolved, "That the inconveniences of our

School-rooms are among the most prominent ob-

stacles which retard the progress of our Common

Schools."

The following Resolution was presented:

Resolved, "That whispering is inadmissible in

Common Schools," which after a few remarks,

was laid on the table.

Adjourned to meet in the Meeting House at

6-1-2 P. M.

EVENING SESSION. Met at the hour ap-

pointed. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Foster, followed

by an address from J. G. Eveleth, A. B.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be

presented Mr. Eveleth for his able, interesting,

and instructive address.

Mr. Hinds then read his Report on School

Apparatus, which was accepted and ordered to

be printed.

Adjourned till the 6th, at 9 A. M.

Met according to adjournment, Saturday,

Jan. 6th.

Singing, "Araby's daughter."

The Resolution laid on the table yesterday,

was now taken up, and after an animated dis-

cussion of some length, again laid on the table,

again taken up, and amended to read as follows:

Resolved, "That whispering in our Common

Schools, is not admissible, except at times fixed

and limited by the Teacher."

A Poem, "The Teacher's Mission," written

by a lady, a member of the Association, was

then read by the Secretary. A vote of thanks

was given the authoress, accompanied with a re-

quest, that she furnish a copy for publication.

Voted, That the President appoint a commit-

tee of three, to draft Resolutions. Chair ap-

pointed Messrs. Eveleth, T. Chase, and Hinds.

Adjourned till 1 P. M.

Adjourned. Met at the appointed time—

Association attended to business pertaining to

its members.

Singing, "The night was dark and fearful."

Voted, That the next meeting be held at

South Paris, the second Saturday of May next.

That the Secretary be a committee to make the

requisite arrangements.

Messrs. Eveleth and Hinds were appointed a

committee to procure some one to deliver the

customary address.

A Dissertation was now read by the Secretary,

written by a lady, a member of the Association.

Subject, "The Teacher's Reward." A vote of

thanks was presented the writer, with a request

that she furnish a copy of the same for publica-

tion.

Mr. Eveleth, chairman of committee on

Resolutions, read the following, which were se-

verally adopted:

Resolved, "That it is the object of this Asso-

ciation to reform the character, and elevate the

standard of our Common Schools.

Resolved, That teachers have a right to ex-

pect the co-operation of parents in the perform-

ance of their arduous duties.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to

the teachers of this County, to use their greatest

endeavors to induce parents and guardians to

make frequent visits to Schools.

Resolved, That the inconveniences of the

School Room are among the greatest obstacles

which the teacher has to contend.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the several

members of this association to make all laudable

efforts to attend its regular meetings.

Resolved, That the time teachers spend in at-

tending the County Associations should be al-

lowed them by the members of their several

Districts."

The following question was adopted for dis-

cussion at the next meeting—

Resolved, "That Emulation should be encour-

aged, as a means of instruction, in Common

Schools."

Voted unanimously, That the sincere thanks

of this Association be presented those citizens,

who have liberally and kindly extended to its

members attending the present meeting, the

hospitalities of this Village.

Voted to adjourn. E. P. HINDS, Sec.

POETRY.

[From the Boston Post.]

Sonnet—"Is Bitter Cold."

New Winter is supreme, and earth's "old cloak,"

ent, or drink, or wear. I don't do anything with

it, and you only lay it away up chamber.

It may as well be left out as not, and I'll stop my

subscription right away."

"Oh," said the wife, "you don't know how

much I sit by the newspaper. I always have a

sort of glad feeling when I see you take it out of

your hat and lay it on the kitchen mantelpiece,

just as I do when some of the children come

home. And when I'm tired, sit down with my

knitting work and read, (I can knit just as fast

when I'm reading,) and feel so contented. I

don't believe Queen Victoria herself takes more

solid comfort than I do, sitting by the east win-

dow of a summer afternoon, reading my news-

paper."

"But you'd be just as well off without it,"

answered her husband, for want of anything wiser

to say.

"I never neglect anything else for my read-

ing," I? asked Mrs. Heath, mildly.

"No, I don't know as you do," answered her

husband, "but it seems to me you do. I shall

stop it," he added, in a tone that showed

plainly enough he wished to stop the conversa-

tion.

"I shall take the paper," remarked his wife,

"if I have to go out washing to pay for it."

This was not spoken angrily, but so firmly that

Mr. Heath noticed it, though by no means re-

markable for discernment in most matters. It

sounded so different from her usual quiet "as you

think best," that he actually stopped a moment

to consider whether it was at all likely she would

do as she said. Mr. Heath was a kind husband,

as that indefinite description is generally un-

derstood; that is, he did not beat his wife, and

always gave her enough to eat. More than this,

he had a certain regard for her happiness which

made him already feel half ashamed of his decision,

but like many other men who have more ob-

stinacy than wisdom, he could not bear to retract

anything, and above all, to be convinced he was

wrong by a woman.

However, with a commendable wish to remove

her unhappiness, he suggested that she stop

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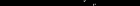
Houston and its environs within a radius of five miles contain at least 210,000 inhabitants. The city proper has about 130,000 inhabitants, with assessed valuation of \$167,000,000.

shall be presented with a letter from the
 undersigned, will not claim a pension, and will
 receive a gratuity, from the Government.
 WILLIAM T. RENDALL
 Agent - SANITARY COMMISSION
 Newwood, Jan. 26, 1849.

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DEEP FALLS, NORWAY, MAINE,
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POETRY.

The Poor Man's Doings.

BY MISS MARY E. HENNETT.

Oh, what were the pride of the rich man's gold,
Or the words of each untried fool,
Were it not for the rough, hard-earned pound,
Who toil for their daily food.

Whoever of labor the rich man needs,
From the poor man's hand must come—
From the cradle side of the new-born heir,
To the coffin and shrouded bier.

The poor man sways the settler's axe,
Till the forests far retire;
And the city springs on its phenix wings,
O'er the brands of the log-house fire.

He bandeth the earth with iron roads,
And the steam-fod courier guides;
And fearlessly he drives the steeds of the sea
Wherever the rich man rides.

He fills the plain till the ripened grain
Is safe in the garner store;
And with rice and sure he hunteth the furs
That smokes on the rich man's board.

He twines the costly robes of pride,
And reacheth the stately dame;
And cleaves from the cloud the marble god
That stands in the rich man's home.

Then health to the rude and thrifty poor,
And honor them evermore;
They, 'mid the turmoil, earn the wages of toil,
As your fathers did before.

And think the reward of labor is health,
That wealth is industry's friend,
That change is earth's law, and soon the sea-saw
May rise at the poor man's end.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PHYSICAL ADVANTAGES OF THE SABBATH.

The Sabbath is God's gracious present to a world, and for wearied minds and bodies it is the grand restorative. The Creator has given us a natural restorative—sleep; and a moral restorative—Sabbath-keeping; and it is ruin to high excitement, individuals have passed weeks together with little sleep, or none; but when the process is long continued, the over-driven powers rebel, and fever, delirium, and death come on. Nor can the natural amount be systematically curtailed without corresponding mischief. The Sabbath does not arrive like sleep. The day of rest does not steal over us like the hours of slumber. It does not entice us as almost whether we will or not; but, addressing us as intelligent beings, our Creator assures us that we need it, and bids us notice its return, and court its renovation. And if, going in the face of the Creator's kindness, we force ourselves to work all day alike, it is not long till we pay the forfeit. The mental worker, the man of business or the man of letters, finds his ideas becoming turbid and slow; the equipment of his faculties is upset; he grows moody, fitful, and capricious; and with his mental elasticity broken, should any disaster occur, he subsides into habitual melancholy, or in self-destruction speeds his guilty exit from a gloomy world. And the manual worker, the artisan, the engineer—tiring on from day to day, and week to week, the bright intuition of his eye gets dimmed, and forgetful of his cunning, his fingers no longer perform their feat of twinkling agility, nor by a plastic and tenuous touch mould dead matter, or wield mechanic power; but, mingling his life's blood in his daily drudgery, his locks are prematurely grey, his genial humor sours, and leaving it till he has become a morose or reckless man, for any extra effort or any lack of balmy feeling he must stand indebted to opium or alcohol. To an industrious population, so essential is the periodic rest, that when the attempt was made in France to abolish the weekly Sabbath, it was found necessary to issue a decree suspending labor one day in every ten. Master manufacturers have stated that they could perceive an evident deterioration in the quality of the goods produced, as the week drew near a close, just because the tact, alertness, and energy of the workers began to experience inevitable exhaustion. When a steamer on the Thames blew up, a few months ago, the firemen and stokers laid the blame on their broken Sabbath; it stupified and embittered them, made them blunder at their work, and heedless what havoc those blunders might create. And we have those informed that when the engines of an extensive steam-packet company, in the South of England, were getting constantly damaged, the mischief was instantly repaired by giving the men what the bounty of our Creator had given them long before the rest of each seventh day. And what is so essential to industrial efficiency, is no less indispensable to the laborer's health and longevity. [North British Review.]

A BAD DISPOSITION.

The greatest plague in life is a bad temper. It is a great waste of time to complain of other people's; the best thing is to amend our own; and the next best quality is to learn to bear with what we meet in others. A bad temper will always rise itself out, if it find no one to resent it; and this very knowledge is worth a great deal in fact is every morbid indulgence of our inferior nature—low spirits, melancholy, diffidence, disinclination for ordinary duties, discontented, fretfulness, even down to mental lassitude, indolence or despair—are very possible effort should be made to cast them to the winds, and look unflinchingly into the truth of the fact. It is astonishing what a little reflection will do—the fumes are mostly imaginary, and with one dash of resolution, may be overcome.

WRITE IT IN GOLD.

"The great comprehensive truths," says President Quincy, "written in letters of living light on every page of our history, are these: Human happiness has no perfect security but freedom; Freedom, none but virtue; virtue, none but knowledge; and knowledge, none but the principles of the Christian religion, and in the sanctions of the Christian faith."

A WARNING.

A respectable female named Loughton, of Great Malvern, England, has been sentenced to seven years' transportation for stealing an umbrella!

GOLD MADE TO ORDER.

We understand that splendid specimens of California gold are being manufactured in this city out of brass filings and sand! It is intended to take out some of these specimens to San Francisco, to barter with greenhorns from the "States," on their first arrival in those "diggings."

"DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME NOW?"

thundered out one of our country politicians, to an archer at whose head he threw an instant.

"I have got an inkling of what you mean," replied the boy.

TOO MUCH LAND.

Why do so many of our farmers complain that they find farming poor, and unprofitable business? Because they try to cultivate too much land. Farming when rightly managed is as profitable business as a person can pursue; but while our chief aim is to be constantly adding acre to acre of our uncollected fields, we shall find the business poor enough.

As you pass through many of our New England counties observe how some of the farmers conduct their affairs. They seem to think their farms are hardly large enough to turn upon, unless they contain from one hundred to five hundred acres, and this they usually have scattered around in various places, so that they actually lose as much time in going from field to field, and from lot to lot, as would be required to keep ten acres under good cultivation.

However, let us watch them for a few months and see how things go on.

In the spring they plough up so much land that they cannot prepare it for planting till their neighbors are nearly ready to commence hoeing. They have manure enough for but little of their land; and therefore their crops are small and late.

Their fences are not repaired in season, and consequently their fields are covered with the flocks and herds of their neighbors. The edges of their mowing fields are covered with blackberry bushes and briars.

Their orchards are neglected until they are completely ruined with decayed wood, and suckers, or robbed of their foliage by the caterpillars of Charles Young Jr., West by road leading through the Young neighborhood, so called, containing about one hundred acres, with the buildings thereon, consisting of a House, Barn, and Woodshed. The farm consists of tillage, mowing, pasturing and woodland.

And yet this is precisely the way in which many farms are conducted. But perhaps you will inquire how the evil is to be remedied? I will tell you how. Sell your land; and if you cannot sell it I had almost said give it away. If you have reduced your farm to such a state that you can cultivate it properly. Plow up no more land than you have sufficient manure for, and can prepare for planting in season. Repair your fences in season prevent your neighbors' cattle from encroaching upon your fields and pastures. Remove all unnecessary trees and bushes from your fields. Keep them free from young fruit trees, and keep them free from old trees, and well rubblish; and you will find that farming is far from being an unprofitable business. [Farmer's Monthly Visitor.]

BOXES.—That world renowned chemist, Liebig, says that a single pound of bone dust, contains as much phosphoric acid as one hundred pounds of wheat. From this we can easily perceive that there are bones enough wasted on every farm in the State sufficient to manure an entire wheat crop. This to many, will doubtless appear very strange, but it is nevertheless true.

GOOD ADVICE TO ROYS.

Be brisk, energetic and prompt! The world is full of boys and men too—who draw themselves, and never decide on any thing for themselves—but just draggle one leg after the other, and let things take their own way. Such people are the dull stuff of the earth. They hardly deserve as much credit as the wooden trees; for the trees do all the good work, and the boys, dragging their legs, do not turn their capacities to profit, half as far as they might be turned; they are unprofitable, like a rainy day in harvest time. Now, the brisk, energetic boy will be constantly awake, not merely with his bodily eyes, but with his mind and attention, during the hours of business. He will take in doing it punctually, and will take pride in doing it promptly, and will not feel ashamed to be told what he ought to do without telling. The drawing boy loses in five minutes the most important advice. The prompt, wide-awake boy never has to be taught twice, but strains hard to make himself up to the mark, as far as possible, out of his own energy. After the boys are always depending upon others; but first rate boys depend upon themselves, and after a little teaching, just enough to know what is to be done, they ask no further favors of any body. Besides, it is a glorious thing for a boy to get this noble way of self-reliance, activity and energy. Such a one is worth a hundred of the poor, dragging creatures, who hardly wash their own lands without being told each time how it is to be done. Give me the boy who does his own work promptly and well without asking—except once for all, at the beginning—any questions. The boy who has his wits about him, is never behindhand, and don't let the grass grow under his heels. [Farmer and Mechanic.]

GIVE IT TO 'EM COLE.

A venerable missionary, who had struggled long and hard to convert the inhabitants of a very cold country to his teachings and threatenings, at last was relieved by a young man, who had asked the elder's advice as to the course proper for him to pursue. "My son," replied he, "for ten years have I given these people the terrors of the law; I have painted the internal regions in their warmest colors; but the idea has seemed to them a comfort rather than otherwise. Now the best thing for you to do is, to give it to 'em cold." The best test look for the aforesaid young man would have been Dante's Inferno. He "gives it to 'em cold."

THE TROUBLES FROM MEXICO.

The President directed the flags, standards and colors won on many a glorious field in Mexico to be deposited in the military academy at West Point. They were sent to that institution by the secretary of war, under charge of Archibald Campbell, Esq., chief clerk in the war department. They reached West Point on Saturday preceding the New Year, and on that festive occasion they were presented to and received with appropriate ceremonies by the officers and cadets of the academy.

Since the 1st of January, 1848, the treasurer of the national Washington monument fund, at Washington, has received the sum of \$33,412 12. At that date he had a surplus of \$909 75, which makes the total amount \$34,321 87. The expenditures during the past year have been \$3,532 08 1-2.

We deny that, in advocating the election of Zachary Taylor, we have supported a whig candidate. We never supported him as such; we never thought him such; we do not think him such now. We deny that the whigs elected him. He was forced down their throats by the unanimous voice of the people, and they swallowed him, willy nilly, with abundance of very faces, as ladies swallow aloes and wormwood. We hoped he would show the whigs that their political sin had set forever, and our hope is not a whit lessened now.—Taylor paper.

A good toast for an agricultural dinner party: The Plough—Its one share in the bank of earth is worth ten in the bank of paper.

Between San Francisco and the gold region, there is some hundred miles travel by water, in sail boats, and forty by land.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.

WHEREAS, THOMAS A. DROWN, of Livermore, in the County of Oxford, by his deed of mortgage dated November 22, 1846, conveyed to Edw. G. Fuller, of Livermore aforesaid, a certain parcel of land, situated in said Livermore, with the buildings thereon, which deed of mortgage is recorded with Oxford Records, Book 46, Page 543; and the same mortgage is duly acknowledged by said Drown, assigned all his interest in said mortgage to the subscriber, which assignment is recorded with said Records, Book 81, Page 220; and whereas, the condition of said mortgage has been broken, by reason of the nonpayment of the notes therein described, I give this notice to foreclose the same, agreeably to the Statute in such cases provided.

I, B. PUMPLIN, of said County, do hereby certify, that I have this day, for a valuable consideration, given my son,

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